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To: Water Action
Subject: Delta Conservancy Comments on the Public Review Draft of the California Water Action Plan

Dear Secretaries Laird, Rodriguez and Ross,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Public Review Draft of the California Water Action Plan. The Delta Conservancy shares the goal of moving California toward more sustainable water management through reliable water supply for farms and communities, restoration of wildlife habitat and species, and moving the state's water systems and environment to be more resilient in the future. The Conservancy's mission is to work collaboratively and in coordination with local communities. We are leading efforts to protect, enhance, and restore the Delta's economy, agriculture and working landscapes, and environment, for the benefit of the Delta region, its local communities, and the citizens of California. We look forward to working collaboratively with our partner agencies and stakeholders to achieve these objectives, and we look forward to working with you to assure the California Water Action Plan succeeds.

The Delta Conservancy is developing a project that brings better technology to bear on California water issues. Harnessing the power of today's computing capacity with "Big Data" technology common in other sectors can help California find solutions to our long-standing water challenges. We have developed several demonstrations of how current technological tools can leverage existing expertise for stakeholders from all sides of the Delta to help resolve or shrink areas of disagreement that currently hinder decisions in the Delta. The Delta Conservancy has five demonstrations that are consistent with the nine examples listed on page 15 of the draft plan under "Better Technology and Improved Procedures." We would be happy to share these demonstrations with you if they could help further develop the California Water Action Plan. Please let us know if you are interested in further discussions or demonstrations.

The Conservancy stands ready to participate in the Delta Stewardship Council's Implementation Committee, referenced on page 7. To date, we have developed several viable projects to begin implementation of recommendations and policies within the recently completed Delta Plan. Our expectation is that these projects represent a very modest investment in near-term actions that are critical to developing the partnerships and infrastructure necessary to implement the Delta Plan and achieve the co-equal goals. Unfortunately the Conservancy was created in advance of the passage of a bond to support our efforts. We urge you to support efforts to identify funding for near-term Delta projects.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments.
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